North Eastern Region, Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttaranchal and Himachal Pradesh.

The location-wise details of these incentives, duration and conditionalities are given in Office Memorandums, issued by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, placed in the Annexure. [*See Appendix* 200, *Annexure No.* 7]

In addition, for attracting investments the Government announced a "Growth Centre Scheme" in June 1998. Under this scheme, 71 growth centres are proposed to be developed. The list of approved/being implemented growth centres is given in the Annexure. [*See Appendix* 200. *Annexure No.* 7]

Further, notified industrially backward districts are *inter alia* eligible for incentives under Section 80IB of Income Tax Act, 1961.

(b) It may be mentioned that the Prime Minister's Office does not declare special packages. As a follow-up to the statements made by the Hon'ble PM at Guwahati on October 27, 1996 a New Industrial Policy and other concession in the North-Eastern Region was issued by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion on 24.12.1997. Similarly, the State of Uttaranchal and State of Himachal Pradesh were considered for incentives/concessions based on Prime Minister's announcement during his visit to Uttaranchal from 29th—31st March 2002. Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion issued the scheme of incentives/ concessions for these two States on 7.1.2003.

Damage of roads due to overladen vehicles

1072. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether overloading of commercial vehicles causes premature wear and tear to the road surface, apart from causing accidents;

(b) whether the Centre have prevailed upon the State to enforce laws stringently and penalize carriers found to be overladen; and

(c) whether Government would consider withdrawal of the discretionary powers vested with the States to legalise overloading of commercial vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under Sections 113 and 114 of the Motor Vehicles Act, the State Governments are required and empowered to take measures to curb the menace of overloading. This Ministry has repeatedly written to all State/U.T. Governments for strict enforcement of provisions of the Act and also to stop issuance of special passes/tokens that have the effect of facilitating overloading.

Road projects in Rajasthan

1073. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects of road widening, maintenance, beautification, etc. that were approved by the Centre and the number of the projects completed during the year 2002-2003 in Rajasthan;

(b) the funds allocated to the State Government for the same;

(c) the funds transferred to the State so far and the funds utilized till date; and

(d) the number of projects that are still pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) During 2002-03 following works were approved:

Sl. No.	Description	No. of works	Sanction cost (Rs. in Crores)
1.	Widening/Construction works	27	55.70
2.	IRQP works	14	34.90
3.	Culverts/Bridges and Feasibility Study	12	3.44
	TOTAL:	53	94.04